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GABBARD CALLS FOR HIGHWAY PATROL

HONOLULU – MARCH 11, 2004 – Councilman Mike Gabbard today called for “the creation of a City Highway Patrol in honor of the hundreds of moms, dads, grandparents, and children killed on Hawaii’s roads by speeding drivers.”

Gabbard said 526 people have died on Hawaii’s roadways in the past four years, with 17 killed already this year on Oahu alone. “Since 2000, as many Americans have been killed by reckless drivers in Hawaii as have been killed in the war with Iraq.”

Gabbard said, “Our highways have been turned into killing fields by reckless or drunk or speeding drivers—many of whom use our roads as a race track.”

Gabbard said he will be introducing legislation for the creation of a Highway Patrol comprised of Honolulu Police Department officers “whose sole responsibility will be to stop the carnage on our roads.”

Gabbard said he is calling “All the people of Hawaii to stand with me in the spirit of aloha and ‘kupo’—courage—to demand an end to the carnage and make our roads safe again for our families and children.”

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